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STAKE CONFERENCE SET FOR JULY 14-15

Stake quarterly conference, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15, will mark the seventh anniversary for the organization of this the 99th Stake of the Church. The priesthood session will be held Saturday evening in the Hayes Street Chapel in San Francisco. All sessions Sunday will be held in the Oakland Chapel, Moss and Webster Streets.

Switching the priesthood session to San Francisco was done to avoid dividing the final or closing conference meeting. Under this new arrangement the first official conference meeting will be held on the west side of the bay, and will avoid the "wild scramble" of the visiting Church official to reach San Francisco for the evening meeting.

It is expected that one of the Council of the Twelve will be present, as there are a number of changes in Stake positions to be effected. The exact changes, however, as yet have not been announced. The musical program arranged, promises some splendid numbers. The Mormon Male Chorus, beside on the radio, are scheduled for one session.

The usual noonday luncheon will be served for the convenience of those attending the conference. Despite the fact that many members of the Stake are on vacations, a large gathering of the Saints is anticipated.

NEWMAN TO DENVER

Jay C. Newman, first Bishop of San Francisco Ward, was recently named chief of the Denver office of the U. S. Department of Justice, according to press disptaches. Bishop Newman, who has been with the U. S. secret service for several years, was wounded two months ago by the Dillinger gang, when Federal agents attempted to surround the outlaw's hideout in the Michigan woods. Newman's promotion comes as a reward for brilliant service. His many friends in San Francisco Stake will rejoice in his new success.

LOVE AND HOME

"A home and family life are extremely important to a woman. She needs the anchor that it gives her, even more than a man needs it. Everything that she does should be aimed at its preservation. It will take self-control, generosity and forbearance for both partners, but especially for the woman. For homemaking is her chief task and art."

Women should use all their courage, patience and intelligence to prevent divorce, and save their homes, says Helen Hayes, noted screen actress. In a recent article, nationally printed, she placed love and home above a career. She speaks authoritatively, for she is happily married to Charles MacArthur, American playwright.

TRANSLATION OF THE BOOK OF MORMON

Students of Mormonism are oft dismayed because they find many things that cannot be definitely and positively proven by known facts. Much must be accepted by faith. The lack of positive knowledge of just exactly how the Book of Mormon was translated from the golden plates has, perhaps, disturbed as many students as any other of the many strange things about Mormonism. Let the Prophet, himself, answer.

In the minutes of a General Conference held at the home of Sirenes Burnett, in Orange, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, October 25, 1831, and found in the Far West Record, page 16, we read:

"Brother Hyrum Smith said, that he thought best that the information of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon be related by Joseph, himself, to the Elders present that all might know for themselves.

"Brother Joseph Smith Jr. said, that it was not intended to tell the world all the particulars of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, and also said, that it was not expedient for him to relate these things, etc."

YOUNG ATHLETE

Young Jack Shields, 14, son of Bishop and Mrs. John G. Shields of Oakland Ward, won third place recently in athletic competition which involved more than 20,000 athletes from the Junior High Schools of Northern California. In the Junior Pentathlon conducted by the Oakland Tribune in the U. C. Memorial Stadium at Berkeley, Jack came through with flying colors. The pentathlon consisted of shot put, broad jump, high jump, 50 yd. dash and basketball. In the latter contest, Jack "sank" 38 baskets in 40 trys in 2 minutes, breaking all previous records. Fine work, Jack!

YOUTH DROWNED

Arlo Pearson, 18, son of Bishop and Mrs. R. Vance Pearson of Balboa, was accidentally drowned in the San Joaquin River at Stockton, Saturday evening, June 30. As a member of the Stake's troop of Sea Scouts, Arlo had gone with the crew, under the command of his brother Clyde, on a ten-day cruise up the river. The tragedy followed a jolly night swimming party, when Arlo accidentally fell, striking his head on the springboard. The body was later recovered and brought back to San Francisco Sunday night by the broken-hearted brother, "Skipper" Clyde. Bishop Pearson, in a hospital following a recent appendicitis operation, was not informed of the tragic death of his son for several hours.

VALLEJO REORGANIZED

Vallejo Branch presidency was reorganized Sunday, July 1, by the Stake presidency. President M. Elmo Carr, who had moved to Oakland, was released and his first counselor, J. Myron Telford, was sustained as the new president. Alvin George Chashire and Alma D. Hill were chosen as counselors and Jack Merrill as branch clerk. The new organization received the hearty approval of the assembled Saints.

The new president has been associated with President Carr for the past three years in the activities of Vallejo. The new counselors have been the leaders of the Sunday School for the past several years. The clerk, young Jack Merrill, is formerly from Oakland.

WINS PROMOTION

President Macdonald has been appointed chief Investigator of District 3, by the State Board of Equalization, in the liquor control division. For the past several months he had acted as assistant to Chief Jos. W. Soares, and when Soares resigned June 15 to run for Sheriff of Alameda County, Macdonald was named to succeed him. The third district comprises Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, and Macdonald is now in charge of the administration of the State Liquor Control Act in the East Bay. Hon. Fred E. Stewart, board member from Oakland, nominated Macdonald to succeed Soares.

MEETINGS RESUMED AS EPIDEMIC SUBSIDES

Evening meetings were resumed Sunday, July 1, in several of the wards of the Stake, as the infantile paralysis "epidemic" appeared definitely to have been broken. For the past three weeks most of the wards had closed all meetings of children, although the sacrament meetings were continued in some wards. Oakland, Berkeley, Dimond, Elmhurst, San Francisco and Burlingame had closed all Church gatherings. However, as the scare subsided, meetings were resumed. Sunday Schools and Primaries are still closed in these wards, and will probably remain so until after Stake conference, July 15.

In the Eastbay, where the epidemic had its greatest hold, 73 cases had been reported in Oakland since May 1. Fifty of these were still quarantined in hospitals. Health authorities have reported a total of 41 cases for Berkeley, 15 in Alameda and a single case in Richmond. Reports of the number of cases in San Francisco and Los Angeles have varied up into the hundreds. However, Dr. J. P. Leek of the U. S. Dept. of Public Health is in charge of the work in these prevalent centers. He has warned parents to "keep their children away from crowds, to avoid fatigue, and to call a physician at the slightest sign of illness."

In order to co-operate with health officials, most activities of the Stake have been curtailed. A proposed boat tour of the bay for July 4 was abandoned, and Sunday Schools and primaries closed.

TITHING

The earth is God's, its gems and gold,
Its joys and blessings manifold,
His words suffice to raise the dead,
And turn the very stones to bread.

All that I am, all that I am,
Comes from His liberal hand divine;
One faithful tenth of what I gain,
He bids me render back again.

Shall I refuse in selfish greed,
That tenth of which the Lord has need?
To fill His store—His poor to bless,
But more to prove my faithfulness!

That tenth's not mine to give or lend,
It is not mine to keep or spend;
It is a test divinely given,
To prove my soul is worthy heaven.

—Ellen L. Sanders.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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The Atonement

Text: II Nephi 9 chap.

The wage of sin is death, thus through the fall, all men became mortal, subject to death, and were banished from God's presence. This bodily and spiritual death, resulting from individual act (not sexual but the eating of earthly foods), except for an infinite atonement, would have estranged man from God forever, as all mortal flesh must die, and save for the atonement, would rise no more. The spirit also would have been subjected to the power of evil, becoming an angel to the devil, even like unto him.

But the blessed doctrine of the atonement, comprising "proof of the divinity of Christ's earthly ministry, and the vicarious nature of His death as a fore-ordained and voluntary sacrifice, intended or and efficacious as a propitiation for the sins of mankind, thus becoming the means whereby salvation may be secured," gives assurance that the body is taken up from the grave and the spirit released from captivity, and explains the gradation of glories made possible through Jesus Christ.

The atonement has a two-fold effect: (1) It redeems the race from physical death, and (2) provides a means of relief from individual sin. Thus all shall come forth with resurrected bodies, and through the mediation of Christ, "invode through faith, repentance, and continued works of righteousness" every soul may hope for reconcilation with God. Spiritual death and the grave shall deliver up their captive dead, who shall stand before God for judgment. The filthy shall be filthy still, but the righteous, those who have "endured the crosses of the world, and despised the shame of it, shall inherit the kingdom of God.'"

Jesus Christ, the earth's sole innocent subject, was exempt from Satan's power. As the only begotten Son, He possessed attributes of Godhood, and through His mother attributes of manhood, with power to die or live, to lay down His life and to take it up again. He was ordained a Redeemer and became the author of salvation. His work was so love inspired that He assumed charge of the destiny of mankind, that He might bring to pass man's immortality and eternal life.

—JUDGE OSCAR W. McCONKIE in the June ERA.

(Ward Teachers' Message for July, 1934)

THOROUGH WARD TEACHING

Ward teaching offers the most effective opportunity of teaching Gospel fundamentals to all members of the Church. If well done, it is a powerful stimulus to increase faith and activity to parents and children alike. Religious and ethical problems of the family are discussed in the sacred precincts of the home. Therefore, it is necessary that ward teachers enter every home with respect, kindliness, discretion and real interest in the welfare of every member. Responsibility for the religious and moral training of the young people of the Church rests primarily with the parents. But ward teachers may wisely and discreetly be very helpful in assisting the family as a whole to grow in unity, faith and integrity.—Presiding Bishopric in a recent bulletin.

ABERSOLD WEDS

John N. Abersold of the Stake Sunday School Board was married in Salt Lake City to Miss Ruth Eloise Grover, June 24, according to news reaching his Berkeley friends. This news will bring gloom to many a young feminine heart in the Stake, who have cast hopeful glances at the handsome young board member with the "John Gilbert profile." The marriage is the culmination of a romance that has held Abersold's heart during four long years at the University of California. The young couple will make their home in Berkeley.

PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION

The Presiding Bishopric have recently issued the following bulletin to bishops:

"The responsibility for the necessary preparation of young men for ordination as Deacons, and ordination in the Priesthood, rests with the ward Bishopric and Priesthood supervisors. It is not a requirement that all boys approaching 12 years shall belong to the Primary. It is a helpful effort on the part of this fine auxiliary to train boys for this important step in their lives. But it is not necessary that they have a "certificate of graduation" from the Primary. But EVERY BOY should be given individual attention and consideration by the Bishopric and the Supervisors, that he may be prepared and worthy for ordination."

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE HELD IN SAN RAFAEL

Sunday, June 17, 1934, a joint Sunday School conference was held at San Rafael for San Rafael, Santa Rosa and Mill Valley Sunday Schools, under direction of Elder Johnson of Stake Presidency and Brother Hicken of High Council, District Supervisor Fred S. Hoeft taking charge. Splendid speaking and a fine musical program was enjoyed by all.

The inspiring remarks by Elder Johnson very forcefully given on charity, was thoroughly enjoyed by all, as also the message given by Elder Hicken on our responsibility to teach the gospel truths. An important event of the meeting was the presentation of a beautiful sacrament set to the San Rafael Sunday School from the Relief Society of San Rafael, made of Philippino mahogany, hand carved, polished to resist water.

The Relief Society have had a very successful season, sold our first quilt made by the members for $10; also raised money for their ward record book through sale of miscellaneous articles made by the members.

At the close of conference the Relief Society served ice cream and cake free to the 57 present. A sociable time was enjoyed by all present. Come again, brethren, we hunger for the gospel message.

REMARKABLE EXPERIENCES

The following striking episode from the biography of our late patriarch, Gaston L. Braley, occurred at the age of 24, when he was living with his widowed mother on their Tennessee plantation. Many remarkable events are recorded in the memories of this good man (dictated to Prof. I. B. Ball from his death bed), and will be presented to our readers from time to time. This is first of the series.—Editor.

"One beautiful spring evening in 1882, after coming in from my day's work, I sat out under a cedar tree, waiting for the preparation of the evening meal. It was not yet dark when a venerable old gentleman walked up to the gate, only a few steps from where I was sitting, and addressed me, asking if he could spend the night at my home. I opened the gate, and invited him in. By this time dinner was ready.

"He impressed me as a remarkable person, but that fact hadn't full appeared until later in the evening and the following morning. He sat down with us and had a meal. I noticed that he ate very little. He was a stranger, in very need; not the type of man that lived in that community, or that I had been acquainted with. His views were different entirely, his philosophy of life was new to me, and yet very attractive. His manner of speaking seemed to fasten every thing he said upon my very soul, not because of much speaking, but because of the new candor that seemed to be so full of meaning. Not only in his speaking did he seem new and strange and different; but his face had the appearance of wax, his hair was white as snow, his clothes, though plain, were scrupulously clean, his shoes were clean, his hair was in good order. He seemed to want to talk, more than to visit, or to stay all night. After a long and interesting evening we retired.

"We arose quite early the next morning. He inquired if we ever had prayers. I said 'No, we do not know how to pray, or what to pray about.' He suggested that we have prayers that morning, and we knelt down. He offered prayer. The language he used in that prayer had a strange effect upon me, although I d'dn't know what it all meant. He thanked God for the privilege of taking part in the bringing forth of the Latter-Day work; thanked God for the mission assigned him in ushering in the great Latter-Day Dispensation, and so on.

"After we had spent a couple of hours conversing, he excused himself, and left our home. Where he went, and how he went, I never could learn. He was not seen by neighbors; and when I told them of the visit, they laughed at it and made fun of it.

"In the fall of the same year, about October, 1882, I think, a man called at my place and said that a couple of Mormon Elders were going to preach at my neighbor's, a quarter of a mile away. Prior to this time the elders had distributed tracts about the neighborhood, and in some way we got hold of one. When we read it we recognized it as being the same sort of thing that that remarkable old gentleman had been speaking about. Therefore I went down with some of the neighbors to hear the Mormons preach that night, and later accepted the Truth.

PRIESTHOOD AND TIME

"Believe me, your time is not your own; it belongs to God, to religion, to mankind."—Buckminster.

We constantly seek and carefully guard money, property, and all earthly possessions, and rightfully so, within reason. But how about the God given asset of TIME? We call it our own, and claim the right to do with it as we choose, but if this be true, the above statement is false. This we do know: that every man, rich or poor, has been allotted an equal share of time; twenty-four hours a day, as we measure it, for the period of his mortality, and for eternity in the life to come, and has been given the right by the God to invest it as he will. Shall it be wasted or invested wisely? With many it requires the greater part of life to discover something of the value of TIME, but it is never too late to do something about it. Fortunate indeed is he who makes this discovery early in life.

Time is described as "The hours and days which a person has at his disposal." "A relation of change to continuity; the measurable aspect of duration." Newton says, "Absolute time is conceived as flowing at a constant rate, unaffected by the speed or slowness of the motion of material things." "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."—Ecclesiastes, 3:1.

As with the investment of money, so should our investment of time be diversified. It is unwise to invest too heavily in any one activity. The pursuit of happiness being our purpose, the short moment of our mortality is meant for us to enjoy in rich abundance. Our success depends largely on how well we use time. Time invested in religious activity is not wasted.

The holy Priesthood, which we believe to be the greatest power for good that has ever been delegated to man, has been restored to the earth. Those who have received the Priesthood can well afford to devote much time in an effort to learn more about it, and perfect themselves therein. It cannot be treated lightly. The general authorities of the Church, realizing as they do the value of time, and the importance of the Priesthood, have designated a time each month, throughout the Church when Priesthood Quorum meetings shall be held. Ninety (90) minutes, on the second Sunday of each month, 90 minutes out of approximately 720 hours in each month for the Quorums of the Priesthood to meet together and devote their time to intellectual and fraternal development and the attainment of spiritual power. Ninety minutes that should be made about the most interesting and valuable of the entire seven hundred and twenty hours.

The failure of any Quorum member to attend these meetings means that he not only retards his own development and robs himself of rich dividends to which he is entitled, but retards also the progress of the other members of the Quorum, and hinders the forward progress of the entire Church. If, because of such neglect, one should suddenly be confronted with the fact that he could no longer participate in the work of the Priesthood, that his vote and voice in its affairs had been denied him, that his seat, vacant for so long, had been removed, what would be his reaction? Some day in the not far distant future, every man who holds the Priesthood may be called upon to meet that challenge. Attendance at Quorum meeting is vitally important, as the first step toward the accomplishment of the work we have in hand. Satan, also recognizing the value of time, and the power of the Priesthood, invests much of his time in providing us with flimsy excuses for non-attendance. We must be united in our efforts.

Include some of this PREFERRED investment in the next budget of your time. It is obtainable in any desired quaitity through any Quorum officer on the second Sunday of each month. Quoted on the present market as low as 90 minutes per month, with perhaps only a small brokerable charge of 25c per month for Quorum dues. It is non-assessable, tax-free, and dividends are guaranteed. If the market holds true to form, a neat profit is assured.

SIDNEY P. KELLEY,
President 222nd Quorum of Seventy.

Marriages

ADAMS-OGLETREE—Velma Adams and Gene Ogletree of Balboa were married June 14 by Bishop R. Vance Pearson.

FOSTER-CAZIER—Patricia Luella Foster of Albany and Lawrence Cazier of Berkeley, married June 24 by Bishop Chas. C. Carr. They will reside in Afton, Wyo.

RICHHARDS - BUCKMAN — Edna Mae Richards and Eugene Merle Buckman of Emmett, Idaho, were married June 29 by President Macdonald, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Miller in San Rafael.

RIMER-COOK — Maurine Willey Rimer and Henry C. Cook of Oakland were married June 30 by Archer Willey, father of the bride.

GROVER-ABERSOLD—Ruth Eloise Grover of Salt Lake and John N. Abersold of Berkeley, married in Salt Lake Temple June 24.

LAMBERT-LAMBERT—Ruth Lambert and W. Needham Lambert June 16, by Bishop C. W. Nalder.

DIETRICH-GIESINGER — Gertrude Dietrich and Herbert Giesinger were married June 16 by C. W. Nalder.

HAIGHT-COOPER—Carmen Sylvia Haight and Victor W. Cooper were married June 16 by C. W. Nalder.

Births

SON, born to Mr. and Mrs. H. Phillips of Balboa, June 14.

DAUGHTER, born to Bishop and Mrs. Serge J. Lauper of Dimond, June 11.

Deaths

PEARSON, Arlo, 18, con of Bishop and Mrs. R. Vance Pearson of Balboa, accidentally drowned at Stockton, during cruise of Sea Scouts. Funeral services in San Francisco, July 3.

BEESON, Mrs. Catherine, of Berkeley, died June 23. Funeral services held under direction of Bishop Dunyon. Interment in Sunset Cemetery.

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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

RELIEF SOCIETY

The Relief Society Stake Board submits another summer reading list. Last year, with the aim of stimulating reading and enriching the ensuing year's course of study, a suggestive list of books was given out. Each local Relief Society was asked to make report of the volumes read by members. The result was most gratifying. Much worth while reading was done. Early this summer the request came from the wards for another list.

This year the General Board of the Relief Society has asked that some reading pertinent to the "Life and Literature Course" be done this summer and suggests the following books:

"Silas Marner"—Eliot.
"The Scarlet Letter"—Hawthorne.
"The Deepening Stream"—Fisher.
"The Flowering Wilderness"—Galsworthy.
"The Everlasting Mercy" — Masefield.
Book of Ecclesiastes—Bible.
Essays—Bacon.
Poems—Wardsworth, Markham.
The Life of Emily Dickenson.

The Stake Board would like all members to finish reading the Doctrine and Covenants, beginning at Section 83.

As our lessons for 1934-35 deal with modern writers, we suggest some new books that are highly recommended and have been enjoyed by members of our board:

"What Men Are Asking" — H. S. Coffin.
"Toward Liquor Controll" — R. B. Fosdick.
"Home Coming"—Floyd Dill. (An autobiography.)
"The Romantic Revel"—Hildegarde Hawthorne. (A biography of Nathaniel Hawthorne written for children, but adults find it delightful.)
"The Saga of the Comstock Lode" —G. D. Lyman.
"Old Monterey," California's adobe capital—L. B. Powers.

Fiction

"As the Earth Turns" — Gladys Hasty Carroll.
"Seven Silver Daughters"—Goldine.
"The Mother"—Pearl Buck.
'The Ginger Griffin"—Ann Bridge.
"Anthony Adverse"—H. Allen.
"Seven Gothic Tales"—Dinesen.
"Women of Spain"—S. O'Dell.
"The Oppermanns" — L. Fenchtwanger. (Deals with the Jews in Germany today.)
"In the Shadow of the Broad Brim" —Day.

Recent Plays

"Mary of Scotland"—Anderson.
"Men in White"—Kingsley.
"Days Without End"—O'Neil.

Music

"Wings of Song" — D. B. Caruso. (The Story of Caruso.)
"Unconquerable Tristan" (The story of Wagner"—Steigman.

RADIO NOTES

July 1—Carl L. Anderson, speaker. Music by Dimond Male Quartet.

July 8 — Sunday School of the Air conducted by Seldon Millward.

July 15—Stake Conference Apostle, speaker. Music by "Mormon Male Chorus."

July 22 — Mormon Play by Fay Ollerton, directed by Golden Kimball.

July 29 — Paul C. Dana, speaker. Music directed by Mary Bowring.

Those who noted the absence during June radio programs of Fay Ollerton's next episode in her play based on authentic Church history, may be pleased to know that on July 22 this drama will be resumed. June was vacation time for Miss Ollerton.

So far as we know our Sunday School-of-the-Air, July 8, is a brand-new venture of this sort. Everyone is curious to hear what Supt. Millward and his Sunday School workers will have for us.

The Mormon Male Radio Chorus will now accept invitations for Sunday evening musical programs in the wards. Their initial program was given in Dimond Ward July 1, with I. B. Ball as guest speaker. Bishops should phone Clyde Summerhays, FRuitvale 4808-W.

M. I. A.

"The June M. I. A. conference was one of the most interesting I ever attended," stated President Triest Pierson Hall on her return recently. "There were so many activities that as Supt. Geo. Albert Smith said in one of the sessions 'that a good Mormon could not be dull or remain dull'."

President Hall and Maybelle Anderson of the Stake Board were in the great chorus led by Noble Cain. "His personality and enthusiasm was infectious, and although rehearsals were long and frequent, yet we willingly sacrificed other pleasures."

"When three thousand voices sing so low it sounds like the rustling of the night wind in the trees, or crash into the thunderous praises of the Hallelujah Chorus, it is something to be remembered."

Roy and Winnie Rockwell brought glory to our stake in winning the dance contest. Their beautiful and rhythmic exhibition won them a tremendous applause — and they easily won this Church-wide contest. Hail, our dance champions!

In the public speaking contest, Larry Hollings of San Francisco very creditably represented the Stake, although he was not adjudged the winner. We were proud of him.

Long Beach won the drama contest, with some superb work in the winning play.

The name of the Young Ladies' organization has been changed to the "Young Women's M. I. A.," merely as a matter of form, we were told, despite the wisecrack of Glenn Harmon that "maybe there aren't any ladies any more."

Many changes were made in the M. I. A. outlines for the coming year's work and complete new method of handling the community activity work. This will be fully explained and discussed at the August union meeting.

"THE FAITH OF LITTLE MARY"

The Father, a well digger strong was he,
And as loving and kind as a father could be;
And Mary, his daughter, five years old,
Was very much dearer than millions of gold.
To Mary, her father was big, grand and nice,
So each had a treasure beyond any price.
One day to the well little Mary was sent
To take daddy's dinner—how gladly she went.
But when she looked down not a thing could she see,
The well like a pocket, was dark as could be.
The father saw Mary and heard her voice, too.
But made not a sound, just to see what she'd do.
She dropped on her knees, the dear little soul,
And called down, "Daddy, are you down in this hole?"
"Why yes, Mary darling, I'm here at your feet,
Just drop me my lunch, for I'm ready to eat.
Just let it go easy, I'll catch it all right."
She did so and saw it go down out of sight.
"Why, Mary," said he, "there's enough here for two'
Now this is the thing I want you to do:
You jump down here to me and we'll eat here together,
Down here in the cool, away from the weather."
"O daddy, I'm afraid, I can't see you at all,
Be sure now you catch me and not let me fall."
'Twas just for a moment she wavered in doubt.
Then, closing her dear little eyes, she jumped out
In the darkness—yes, that was the test,
She trusted in faith in her father's request.
And both were so happy, he kissed her and smiled
Because of the sweet, trusting faith of his child.
Ah, sweet little Mary, you've put me to shame.
How often my father has called me, the same.
But because it was dark, I have turned back in doubt,
Refusing the call though his arms were stretched out.
I wanted some proof, must first see with my eyes,
And so I have doubted, and lost me the prize.
To him that will knock, the door opened shall be
To him that will ask, it is given to see.
And he that will seek, the Lord says he shall find,
But he that's a doubter, must always stay blind.
Until I have faith, and can bow 'neath His rod,
I'll never inherit the Kingdom of God.

WEDDING BELLS

Maurine Willey Rimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archer Willey and Henry C. Cook were married at a pretty home wedding June 30, with the father of the bride performing the ceremony. The spacious Willey home in Piedmont, beautifully decorated and crowded by more than a hundred guests, was te scene of the marriage. Easton Willey gave his sister away in marriage. After light refreshments, the bridal couple, amid a shower of rice and good wishes, sped away for a brief honeymoon. They will make their home in Oakland, where the groom has business interests.

News from Wards

ALAMEDA

Due to the epidemic of infantile paralysis there will be no meetings held in the Alameda Branch until further notice.

Because we have no Boy Scout troops, the deacons have been studying the lessons as outlined in their manual in the M. I. A. meetings.

Now that Mutual is over, they have changed over to Sunday morning to the regular priesthood meeting. Donald W. Hughes has been appointed supervisor. There are five young boys who will be of deason age in the near future and we want them to prepare themselves to receive this ordination. This preparation work is under the direction of the Primary, where the boys should be in regular attendance.

Little Helen Watkins, daughter of Charles and Laura Watkins, is slowly recovering from an attack of scarlet fever.

Mrs. Blanche Crandall and family are visiting with relatives and friends in Utah, Idaho and Colorado. Mrs. Crandall attended the Primary convention held recently in Salt Lake.

Mrs. Laura Richardson and daughter Ivie have left for Utah, where they will visit and do Temple work.

BERKELEY

Miss Nathala Christensen and Miss Lena Allen have returned from a month's vacation spent in Chicago, at the Century of Progress Exposition.

Miss Gladys Metcalf of Chico is visiting in Berkeley with friends.

Miss Nida Taggart of Morgan, Utah, is a guest of the Francis R. Wilcox's while attending the summer sessions at the University.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Biery, former Berkeley warders, will be pleased to hear of the birth of a daughter at the Biery home in Riverside, Calif.

Judge George W. Hickman and family and visiting with friends and relatives in Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Glenn Harmon have returned from the M. I. A. conference in Salt Lake.

Willard D. Ellis has been confined to his home with illness.

Mrs. William T. Hicken has recently returned from Salt Lake, where she attended the Primary conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden B. Olson and two children have returned to Utah after having attended the University of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin W. Erickson are summering in Ogden with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Russell have recently returned from Yosemite.

Marion Christensen was awarded by B.S. degree with the 1934 graduating class at the University of California. Congratulations, **Marion!**

Misses Lucile and **Ruth Harding** of Payson, Utah, **sisters** of our Sunday School superintendent, are guests at the Harding home.

A building plan for the Berkeley ward is being prepared for a beautiful and convenient chapel in the near future.

Alma D. Erickson has gone to Idaho for a few weeks on business.

NEWS FROM THE WARDS

DIMOND

Rufus Phelps and family have gone to Soda Springs, Idaho, for the summer months.

R. Vernon Brown, who suffered a painful accident several weeks ago, is convalescing.

Mrs. Amelia Jones recently spent a vacation in Long Beach with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Hagg. Mr. and Mrs. Hagg returned with her and will be her guests for a short time.

Sunday, July 1, the Clyde J. Summerhays were hosts at a family reunion honoring their mother, Mrs. Hilda J. Summerhays. Among the guests were four sons and three daughters and their families.

Miss Kathleen Gordno of Los Angeles is spending several months in the Bay District, a guest of her cousin, Mrs. S. J. Lauper.

Elsie C. Brown has returned from a visit of several weeks in Utah.

Mrs. Ruth Ellis, who has been gravely ill, is spending a few weeks with her daughter on Seminary Avenue. Her many friends hope to see her out again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde F. Curtis and baby daughter have gone to Utah and Idaho to spend their vacation.

Bessie S. Auger has returned from San Diego where she has spent the last two months.

Baby Karen Nelson, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Frank Nelson, who has been seriously ill, is now recovering nicely.

Sunday evening programs:

July 8: Program by Priests Quorum.

July 15: Stake High Council speakers.

July 22: An evening of fine literature, direction of Dr. Ray H. Fisher.

July 29: Geneological Society in charge.

HAYWARD

Mrs. C. E. Johnston has returned after a short visit with relatives in Burley, Ida.

A new Sunday School was organized in Livermore June 3, under the direction of the Stake Superintendency. Hugh P. Graham was named as superintendent of the Stake's newest school, and it is being held in his home until suitable quarters can be found.

Vera and Nelda Johnston are vacationing in Idaho with friends.

BALBOA

We welcome home Irene Hunt and two children, who has been visiting in Southern California. Mrs. Hunt's mother returned with her for a short visit.

Mrs. Katie Sadler and children are enjoying a vacation in Payson, Utah. They traveled with the Carl Gustavesons, who drove to Idaho on their vacation.

Earl White and family have left for a vacation in Utah.

Mrs. Sut Johnson and her baby boy are spending a vacation with her folks in Pocatello, Idaho.

Joe Behlert of Salt Lake City is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Roberts.

The sympathy of all is with E. L. Williams, second counsellor to our Bishop, who has sustained a very serious accident in the breaking of both arms. He fell from a ladder while painting his home.

Elmer Hinkson is confined at home from an attack of rheumatism.

The Sea Scouts of the San Francisco Area Council are on a ten-day cruise to Stockton, under the leadership of Skipper Clyde Pearson.

Maude Pearson, for health reasons, has been released as superintendent of the Primary Association. Irma Williams has been sustained to fill the vacancy, with Frieda Pietsch as her first assistant. Other position not yet filled.

Bishop R. Vance Pearson is recovering in a local hospital, following an operation from appendicitis.

OAKLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell of Oakland were the winners in the Church-wide finals in dancing at Salt Air Friday night, June 8. We are proud of the honors brought to us by this young couple and we extend to them our heartiest congratulations and thanks.

Mrs. G. A. Garfield, from Tremonton, Utah, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Azar Evans.

Mr. Ward Ingham left for Seattle to work. He will be joined later on by his wife, Ella.

Lorna and Arthur Evans are in Salt Lake for the summer. They will be joined by their mother the first part of July, at which time Lorna and her mother contemplate on making a trip to Chicago to visit the Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Elden Rex returned June 24 after a two weeks tour of Utah and Yellowstone National Park. They attended the June conference while in Salt Lake. Mrs. Rex's mother returned with them to Oakland and will remain some time.

Mrs. George Bagley left for Portland, Oregon, June 9, where she joined her husband. They are visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Glenn Watts.

Miss Beulah Watts left June 2 for Ben Lomond, Calif., where she will spend most of the summer.

Mrs. Helen Beukers and Mrs. Ardelle Kay entertained at a shower June 15 in honor of Mrs. Ward Ingham at the Beukers' home in Albany. Sixteen young ladies were present. The evening was spent in games, after which delicious refreshments were served.

Ralph B. Jordan, International Staff correspondent, returned Tuesday, June 12, after an extended trip with the fleet through Central America, Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Panama. He was in New York at the time President Roosevelt viewed the fleet. While there he met his friends, D. A. Rock and Leslie Stone, prominent in the Safeway organization. En route home Ralph visited the Century of Progress Exposition, Chicago.

Mrs. Chas. C. Carr and sons, Boice, Warren and Sterling, drove to Los Angeles Tuesday, June 9. They returned Saturday, June 23, bringing with them another son, Stanley, who had been visiting friends and relatives there for the past three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Jordan have been entertaining Commander and Mrs. R. A. Ihrig at their home the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Ihrig are formerly of Salt Lake. He is here to attend the University of California as associate professor for the next two years.

Miss Claire Brown of Sacramento was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Nielsen Sunday, June 10. She is the sister of Mrs. Nielsen.

RICHMOND

Lester Roark, who has been up in the northern part of the state for the past several months, has been visiting his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. James Roark, and family.

Charlotte Fawsett has gone to Lake County, where she will spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Nina Fawsett.

The "Old Testament" class in Sunday School has been conducting a contest for a couple of months, the Girls versus the Boys, to see which side had their lesson prepared the best. The contest ended with the girls as winners and as the guests of the boys at a party held Thursday evening at the home of the teacher, Brother Farnsworth. Another contest is on now, to see which side subscribes for "The Instructor" for the class for a year, this being the verdict passed on the losing side.

The Mutual year closed Tuesday, May 29, with a fine program and dance. The "well-planned" evening was evidence of the capability of our activity committee, and we take our hats off to them.

On Wednesday, June 13, the members of the Relief Society gathered at the home of Sister Rachel Roark to tender a shower for Sister Anne Farnsworth. Refreshments were served, after which the guest was presented with many beautiful gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gledhill of Los Angeles surprised their many friends in Richmond by coming for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Nephi Thulin and sons are vacationing in the northern part of the state.

Margaret Tidwell is in Sacramento visiting old friends.

Truman Farnsworth has returned to his home in Idaho after a few weeks visit with relatives in Richmond.

SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Lambert announce the marriage of Miss Ruth Lambert to Mr. W. Needham Lambert, June 16. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's mother by Bishop C. W. Nalder, after which a reception followed. Many guests from out of town were present. After a brief honeymoon in Yosemite, the young couple will be at home to their friends in San Francisco.

Mrs. John Laycock and children, Frank, Jack and Marian, have gone to Utah to spend the summer. Mrs. Laycock is president of the Primary Association in the ward. Mrs. Irene Van Norman and family have gone to Louisiana to visit Mr. Van Norman's family. She is also a member of the Primary Association.

Mrs. James K. Knudsen, who as Miss Ruth Ellsworth filled a mission in San Francisco about six years ago, was a San Francisco visitor. She was accompanied by Mr. Knudsen, who was here on government business. Their home is in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Harmon, sister of Mr. Knudsen, was also a visitor.

Of special interest is the arrival of Joanne Petersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude B. Petersen. Mr. Petersen is the ward clerk of the San Francisco Ward. Both mother and daughter are doing fine. Mr. Petersen's mother from Salt Lake City is visiting with them.

Miss Ione Estherholt and Miss Riggs of Logan, Utah, are among the people who have been sent to the coast to study art needlework at Bernard Ullman's, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boesgiter spent their vacation in Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. A. James Martin have returned to San Francisco after a vacation in Utah and surrounding country.

Mr. Frank A. Martin and Mr. Howard Foulger of Ogden have been San Francisco visitors.

MISSION

Bernice Collins was awarded a gold emblem on graduating from the Everett Junior High School on June 14, 1934, as an all "A" honor student. Only four others out of a class of 415 pupils received this distinction. She was also numbered among the student speakers who took part in the graduating exercises.

SUNSET

Meetings for July:

1—Mutual Conjoint. Speakers, Henry E. Thomson and Crarlotte McGrath.

8—Speakers, Elders Paine, Malin and Hillings.

15—Stake Conference.

22—Special program by Sunday School.

29—Program by Geneology Committee.

The Ward joins in welcoming as newcomers A. L. Anderson and family, residing at 1229 Third Avenue; Alfred R. Holfert and wife, 901 Stanyan Street, and Mrs. Charlotte McGrath and son, Lambert, of 705 Shrader Street.

Mrs. Millie Johnson has returned from an extended vacation, taking her throughout the East and South.

The efforts of the Relief Society in behalf of the world tour were rewarded with unusual success. Those who participated in the world tour had a very pleasant evening. The Air-Splitter Express left the Ninth Avenue hall at 7:30 p. m., Denmark (home of Evelyn Hansen) being the first port of call. Thence to England (home of Helen Prellwitz); from England to Ireland (home of Gertrude Terry), and on to Germany (home of Louise Stoddard). Spain (home of Janice George) was the next stop, followed by Italy (home of Ethel Giannini), the next being Scotland (home of Inez Suhlsen). The next stop was a long one to China (home of Harriett Polland). After stopping at Hawaii (Mae White's home) the port of San Francisco was sighted, where Master of Ceremonies Hawkes was keeping those waiting in good humor. An orchid to the Relief Society, also to Phil and Lillian Casford, for their excellent work.

Miss Margaret Eddy is staging a rapid comeback from her recent attack of infantile paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Danford are in Los Angeles visiting her son, Porter Jr., who is sailing for the Far East.

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